



Summary of Board Meeting #7 Tuesday, February 13, 2001

- A. **O Canada** - Students from Holyrood School sang O Canada.
- B. **Roll Call:** (6:00 p.m.) - All trustees were present.
- C. **Communications from the Board Chairman**

- 1. **Random Acts of Kindness Week**

The chairman provided a reminder that February 12 to 18 is officially Random Acts of Kindness Week. The board has endorsed and recognized Random Acts of Kindness Week since 1996.

Information has been distributed to schools to share with staff and students on possible random acts of kindness activities. The board encourages everyone to recognize and participate in random acts of kindness week. Hopefully kindness is something we practice throughout the year.

- 2. **Smart City Awards**

The chairman advised that at the Smart City Awards Luncheon held on January 31, 2001 Edmonton Public Schools was the recipient of two Smart City Awards. The first award was the City of Edmonton Quality of Life Award which was awarded to the Dickinsfield Community Partnership. This award is for an individual or organization that has significantly enhanced the quality of life in Edmonton through the development and implementation of cultural, social, or recreational programs, sporting activities, or facilities for cultural or sporting activities.

The second award was The Edmonton Journal Innovative Teaching Award which was awarded to the MicroSociety in the Oliver Elementary Program. This award is for an educational institution that has incorporated or developed a new learning methodology or leading edge technology to enhance the learning experience for students.

3. Centre High/NAIT/Edmonton Chamber of Commerce Collaborative Partnership

The chairman noted that, on February 1, 2001 a signing ceremony was held at Centre High to celebrate the collaborative partnership they have developed with NAIT and the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce. The basis of this partnership is that NAIT will provide accessible post-secondary educational opportunities to interested students, and encourage students to develop connections with the business community through the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce. The ultimate purpose of this mutually beneficial partnership is to prepare students for their transition into post-secondary education and today's challenging workplace.

D. Communications from the Superintendent of Schools – None.

E. Minutes:

1. Board Meeting #6 – January 30, 2001
2. Board Meeting – February 6, 2001

Approved as printed. (AS)

F. Focus on Student Achievement

3. Holyrood School: Character Education Program

Received for information.

G. Reports:

4. Response to Delegations from Central McDougall Community League and Immigrant Neighbourhoods Community Planning Association

Approved recommendation.

5. Delegation – Queen Mary Park Parents' Association

6. Delegation – Parent Representatives – John A. McDougall School

a) Heard presentations.

b) The delegations requested that their respective schools not be closed.

c) The following motions were approved:

1. That the board's rules with respect to the response to delegations at the next public board meeting be suspended such that the board can give its response to the delegations this evening.
2. That the administration be instructed to consider the concerns expressed and information provided by the Queen Mary Park Parents' Association and the Parent Representatives of John A. McDougall School in the further development of the City Centre Education Project.

7. Amendments to Recommendations Regarding the City Centre Education Project

Approved recommendations.

8. Request for International Spanish Academy Alternative Program

Approved recommendations.

9. Curriculum Additions and Deletions – Networking Technology

Approved recommendations.

10. ASBA Proposal Regarding Minority Faith Education

Approved recommendation.

11. Programming for Senior High School Students with Special Needs and Students at Risk, 2000-2001

Received for information.

12. Responses to Presentations by CUPE Local 3550, CUPE Local 474, Edmonton Public Teachers, CUPE Local 784 and Exempt Staff

Received for information.

13. Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

Received for information.

14. Bereavement

Received with regret.

H. Committee and Board Representative Reports

• Community Relations Activities

Trustee Melnychuk reminded trustees of the ASBA Zone 23 general meeting this Friday. There will be a panel discussion in the afternoon regarding what various districts are doing regarding serving the needs of students who are expelled or suspended. The district will have one or two people on the panel and she encouraged trustees to attend.

I. Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives

1. Mr. Steve Brodie, a member of PACT (Parents Advocating for Children and Teachers), advised that PACT and the ATA through Edmonton Public Teachers and Edmonton Catholic Teachers would be holding a number of education-related forums throughout the district during the provincial election campaign. Trustees were asked to attend any or all the forums and to let the Local know if they are planning to attend so that the moderator can announce them. The dates, times and locations will be provided by the Local shortly.
2. Mr. Doug Luellman, President CUPE Local 474, expressed concern that the Local had not been consulted with respect to the Community Access Program (CAP). He requested that the board monitor the program to see that custodians are not being asked to do more with less when the schools are benefiting from federal funding. He distributed a five-page briefing outlining the Local's concerns to trustees.
3. Mr. Warren Champion, President Central McDougall Community League, noted that the issue of integration between Central McDougall and Queen Mary Park communities had been raised during the evening's delegation presentations. From his perspective, there has never been an issue of cooperation between the communities and he would not want to see communities pitted against communities.
4. Mr. Champion noted, with respect to the consultation process, that the City has a long history of community-driven consultation and he suggested that the district's consultation process should be developed in consultation with the stakeholders. He noted, for example, that dates had been set for small meetings with several groups such as with the Cambodian community, however that community was not consulted in terms of whether this date would meet their needs.

J. Trustee and Board Requests for Information – None.

K. Notices of Motion – None.

L. Meeting Dates:

Date	Time	Meeting Type
February 27, 2001	6:00 p.m.	Board

The chairman noted that, in his absence and the absence of the vice-chairman next week, Trustee Hansen will serve as acting board chairman. Trustee Sulyma, as conference committee chairman, will serve as the board's spokesperson.

M. Duration of Meeting: 6:00 p.m. to 9:05 p.m.